

# TRAP TRIO; NIP FRAUD

Merchant Victim of Modern Badger Game.

PHOTOGRAPHS FIGURE

Lured by Pretty Wife, Made to Sign \$5,000 Check.

PLOTTERS ALL YOUTHFUL

James B. Knott, Twenty Years Old, His Seventeen-year-old Wife, and A. A. Armstrong, Twenty Years Old, Held in \$2,000 Bonds Each, Charged with Blackmail in Luring Harry Rosenthal, D Street Sporting Goods Merchant, to Apartments in the Cairo and Attempting to Extort Money from Him—Pictures Taken in Apartment by Ingenious Device.

Lured to a handsomely appointed apartment in the fashionable Cairo by a pretty seventeen-year-old girl, attacked by her husband, tied to a chair, and ordered to deliver \$5,000, under penalty of instant death, Harry Rosenthal, a member of the firm of Rosenthal & Levy, dealers in sporting goods, escaped from the trap and gave the police information which resulted yesterday afternoon in the capture of the most daring band of blackmailers who have operated in Washington in years.

The ingenious manner in which the plotters obtained photographs of Rosenthal and the girl while together in the apartments is a new angle to what is known as the "badger game," and is said to be the first time it has ever been employed.

Detective Sergeants Frederick M. Cornwell and Frank Baur, of the Central Office, arrested the husband, James B. Knott, twenty years old, when he appeared at Rosenthal's store, at 603-605 D street northwest, shortly after noon to receive the money the merchant had promised to pay.

**ARREST GIRL IN TAKOMA.**  
The detectives then went to the Cairo, where they arrested Alton A. Armstrong, twenty years old, alleged instigator of the plot, and Benjamin H. Knott, thirty-two years old, a brother of James Knott.

The girl was apprehended in the railroad station at Takoma, D. C., where the police say she had planned to meet her husband and flee from Washington.

James Knott, his wife, and Armstrong are charged with blackmail, and each is being held in \$2,000 bonds. Benjamin Knott was arrested as a United States witness and is held in \$1,000 bonds. According to the police, the trio charged with blackmail confessed and by their statements have exonerated Benjamin Knott, who declares he had no knowledge of the scheme to rob Rosenthal.

**Prisoners Have Records.**  
Little has been learned by the police of the past of the prisoners, but James Knott, in his confession, charged Armstrong with having obtained \$3,500 by a blackmailing scheme in South Dakota, and smaller sums in Richmond, Pittsburg, and Baltimore. Armstrong is also accused of planning the scheme to blackmail Rosenthal, and with inducing James Knott and his wife to join in the plot by telling of "easy money" he had picked from victims in other cities.

Although a bride of less than a month, Mrs. James Knott apparently entered willingly into the scheme broached by Armstrong and her husband, and which was impossible to execute without her aid. Mrs. Knott, by virtue of her youth and beauty, was a valuable instrument for a blackmail plot of the nature planned, and, according to the police, she played her role with infinite success.

James Knott and Armstrong met in this city about a year ago at a well-known electrical school, where they were studying.

**Married Last Month.**  
Mrs. James Knott, who was Miss Florence Bennett, of Flint, Mich., came here from Detroit about six months ago and met James Knott and Armstrong. Knott became infatuated with the girl and wooed and won her. The couple went to Rockville and were married on November 25. Two days before they rented an apartment of four rooms at the Cairo, for which they paid a rent of \$135 a month. They presented every appearance of respectability.

Armstrong lived in the apartment with James Knott and his wife, and a peculiar feature of the case, the police say, is that neither of the men has any previous record.

**"The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."**  
Mat. to-day 2:15 at the Columbia Theater.

ployment. James Knott and Armstrong each gave the occupation of electrician when arrested, but when asked where they had been employed they were silent.

According to the story told by Rosenthal he first saw Mrs. Knott several weeks ago when she entered his store and made a purchase. The girl was friendly to the merchant and began visiting the store at intervals and sending Rosenthal notes.

**Accepts Invitation to Call.**  
Rosenthal was finally led to believe that the stylishly gowned girl with pretty face and manners loved him, and, although he says he did not reciprocate her affections, he allowed her to show him attentions.

Within the past week, Rosenthal says, he accepted the girl's invitation to call on her in her apartments at the Cairo. She pointed to the costly furniture and fittings, told her visitor she was married, and laughed gayly, saying there was no danger of "hubbly" returning home. Rosenthal admits he called at the apartments three nights. His partner in business, Joseph Levy, warned Rosenthal against the girl, but Rosenthal laughed at Levy's fear.

**Signs Check at Point of Gun.**  
It was not until late Tuesday night that Rosenthal realized the predicament in which he had placed himself. He was in the apartment, supposedly alone with the girl, when a door was suddenly thrown open and an irate husband appeared, brandishing a .38-caliber revolver and a dagger. Rosenthal says the revolver was then placed to his temple and he was told to write and sign a check for \$5,000, with the threat that his brains would be blown out if he refused to comply with the demand.

Rosenthal wrote the check and signed it. The husband looked at the paper and then, with an exclamation, tore it in pieces and threw the bits to the floor, saying: "To h— with that; I want real money." Arrangements were then made for Rosenthal to deliver \$2,000 in cash to James Knott in the sporting goods store of Rosenthal & Levy at noon yesterday. Rosenthal was released, and accompanied by Armstrong, whom he met in a corridor, left the apartments. Armstrong, to Rosenthal's surprise, was familiar with a number of details and advised Rosenthal to pay the money without demur to "hush the thing up."

**Detectives Lie in Wait.**  
Rosenthal told his partner of his trouble and Joseph Levy took Detectives Cornwell and Baur. The detectives accosted themselves in Rosenthal & Levy's store, and waited for the blackmailers.

James Knott, the police say, appeared at the store shortly after noon yesterday. The alleged blackmailer was weeping and showed eight photographs of Rosenthal and Mrs. James Knott alone in the latter's room. The hidden detectives overheard the conversation, and when Knott said: "I want \$5,000 cash or nothing," they appeared and placed him under arrest.

The detectives took possession of the photographs and placed the prisoner behind bars. Then they started after Knott's confederates. At the apartment at the Cairo they found Armstrong and Benjamin Knott, who declared he was innocent of wrong doing, but the detectives took him in custody until they could learn whether his statements were true. They searched the apartments and discovered the ingenious device by which the photographs of Mrs. James Knott and Rosenthal were taken.

**Pictures Obtained Ingeniously.**  
Mercury lights of the style used by photographers at night were fixed to the ceiling in Mrs. Knott's room in such a manner that no part of the room was in darkness when the lights were burning. A hole had been cut through the door of a closet in the room so that a person inside the closet had a view of the bedroom. From this hole in the door, the police say, Armstrong took the photographs of the girl and Rosenthal. The victim of the plot pleads that Mrs. Knott was fond of light.

In another room was found the revolver which the police believe was the weapon used by James Knott in intimidating Rosenthal. The dagger was not found.

The police will not disclose other discoveries made in the apartment. From Benjamin Knott and Armstrong the detectives learned that Mrs. Knott had planned to leave the city with her husband as soon as he obtained the money from Rosenthal. She was waiting for him in the railroad station at Takoma, and had her most valuable possession in a satchel which she carried. The girl took her arrest calmly.

The detectives questioned the quartet at the first precinct station, where the prisoners confessed.

**Face Heavy Penalty.**  
Benjamin Knott told the police that he is a farmer at North, Orangeburg county, S. C. He said he had been trying to persuade his brother, James Knott, to return to the family home on the farm in South Carolina for several weeks. It was for the purpose of inducing James Knott to give up city life that Benjamin Knott came to Washington about a week ago, he told the police. Benjamin Knott said he stopped with his brother and his sister-in-law at the Cairo, but the South Carolinian declares he had no knowledge of the plot. His first suspicion that something was wrong entered his mind when he returned to the apartment after attending the theater Tuesday night. He heard words between James Knott and Rosenthal, and gathered that there "was something in the air."

The management of the Cairo was dumfounded by the arrests, and told the police that the conduct of the occupants of James Knott's apartments had been above suspicion. Knott and his wife, brother, and friend had conducted themselves with the utmost propriety, the police were told, so far as the management was aware.

Section 219 of Chapter XIX of the District code provides that whoever shall be found guilty of blackmail shall be imprisoned for not more than five years, or be fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

**Holders of Notes Not Known.**  
New York, Dec. 14.—Charles Henry Treat, once Treasurer of the United States and before that collector of internal revenue in this city, died on May 20 at the Victoria Hotel. Between January and May last John W. Melick, of 288 Washington street, who has been in the fruit and produce business since 1874, made notes for \$60,738, which he says were made for accommodation of Mr. Treat. Mr. Melick died a penniless bankrupt, to-day with liabilities of \$61,748, principally on these notes, the holders of which are unknown to him.

## SEEING THINGS IN A NEW LIGHT.



## CARNEGIE MILLIONS FOR WORLD PEACE

Twenty-seven Trustees to Handle Big Fund.

INCOME OF \$500,000 A YEAR

Donor Makes Provision Money Shall Be Used "From Century to Century Without End" in Aiding Abolition of War—Gift in Form of Steel Bonds Bearing Interest.

Andrew Carnegie's \$10,000,000 gift for the promotion of international peace was announced in Washington yesterday at a meeting of twenty-two of the twenty-seven trustees who have been selected to handle the big fund. The purpose and scope of the gift are substantially as outlined in The Washington Herald yesterday. The trustees are left free to devote the income, which will be about \$500,000 a year, in the interest of world-wide peace. The trust is to be perpetual and is designed as much for the continuance of the peace movement after Mr. Carnegie is gone as it is for its promotion now.

The donor makes provision even for the use of the fund after the era of universal peace is established. When this is accomplished, the income of the fund shall be used "from century to century, without end" in aiding man in his march to higher and nobler stages of development, as the trustees may see fit.

**Work of the Trustees.**  
"Let my trustees," says Mr. Carnegie, "therefore ask themselves from time to time, from age to age, how they can best help man in his glorious ascent onward and upward, and to this end devote this fund."

The \$10,000,000 gift is in the form of United States Steel Corporation bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. The gift was made in the form of a deed of trust, but the trustees are authorized to incorporate.

President Taft was selected as honorary president of the organization and Senator Root was elected temporary chairman of the board of trustees. The board of trustees is made up as follows:

Ellhu Root, Nicholas Murray Butler, Henry B. Prichett, Joseph H. Choate, James Brown Scott, John W. Foster, A. J. Montague, William M. Howard, George W. Perkins, James L. Slayden, Andrew D. White, Robert S. Brookings, Samuel Mather, J. G. Schmiedlapp, R. A. Frank, "Chickamauga" Tower, Oscar Straus, John L. Cadwalader, Charles L.

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## ATTACKS STANDARD OIL

State of North Carolina Trying to Inflict Big Fine.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—The case of the State of North Carolina against the Standard Oil Company, in which the defendant is being prosecuted under the new State anti-trust law by the attorney general of the State, was begun in Raleigh to-day. The maximum penalty in case of conviction is \$40,000.

The charge is the alleged attempt of the Standard Oil to put out of business its only competitors, the Indian Refining Company, which began business here forty weeks ago by reducing the price of standard oil from 12 1/2 cents to 7 1/2 cents a gallon gradually in this city, while selling at higher rates in other towns of the State.

Each week with the new law is made a separate offense, with a fine of \$1,000 for each violation; so a \$40,000 fine is possible. The law has never been tested before, and a hard fight is being made.

**If Your Business Takes You**  
To the financial district of New York, the Baltimore & Ohio is the most convenient and time saving. There has been no change in the running of through trains to Jersey City. The uptown terminal at West 2nd street, in the shopping and hotel district, is still maintained.

## TWENTY-YEAR-OLD GIANT MAKES 'EM ALL LOOK UP

Thomas Lynch, 6 Feet 10, of Canton, Ohio, Comes to Capital to Get Job in the Navy Yard.

Ollie James, Gov.-elect Tener, Dr. D. Percy Hickling, and other "big" men of Washington will please stand aside and make room for Washington's boy giant.

He is Thomas Lynch, late of Canton, Ohio, who stands six feet ten in his stockings, and is but twenty years old. He blew into town yesterday and is making his home at 225 Decatur place northwest.

When Lynch walked down Pennsylvania avenue yesterday on a sight-seeing trip, Washingtonians gasped. Towering head and shoulders and then some over the average man, he attracted the attention of even those to whom an inaugural parade has become somewhat of a bore and barely worth notice.

Young Lynch took in the Dead-letter Division of the post-office on his sight-

seeing walk. When his huge frame almost doubled to get through the door and then straightened out to its full six feet ten, work stopped. His guide, who stood something over five feet eight, looked like a pygmy beside him.

It is the intention of Lynch to take a position at the navy yard. His father, who is a landscape gardener at the McKinley Memorial in Canton, stands six feet three. The young man, who weighs 160 pounds, expects to get his "full growth" soon, and will then begin to take on weight.

Aside from a few inconveniences, such as tucking his full height into a six-foot sleeping berth, and placing his long dining car table, Lynch says he had a most enjoyable trip east. He says he likes Washington, but "it is a bit better when another 'big' is put in his bed."

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—Fair and warmer to-day; tomorrow fair; moderate to brisk southwesterly winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

- 1—Caught in Blackmail Scheme. Millions for World Peace. Youthful Giant in Town. Twenty-two Die in Mine.
- 2—Mrs. Eddy's Will Filed for Probate.
- 3—Civie Reformers in Session.
- 4—Roosevelt Delivers Nobel Lecture. Wilson Applauded by Southern Society.
- 5—Democrats in Doubt Over Tariff.
- 6—Fear Weakness in War.
- 7—In the World of Society.
- 8—Editorial.
- 9—Hints for Christmas Shoppers.
- 10—McAleer May Buy Browns.
- 11—Midweek Theater Notices.
- 12—Commercial and Financial.
- 13—Appointed to Asylum Board.

## VOTE FALLS OFF.

Liberals Victors in Three Districts They Held Before.

London, Dec. 14.—Three polls were declared to-night. All the victors are Liberals, but their return makes no change in the representation. The Liberal vote fell off in each case.

There was a decrease in the Unionist vote in two of the districts, but in West Renfrewshire it increased from 5,631 to 6,082. This constituency had been regarded as strongly Liberal. Twenty-five other county divisions were polled to-day but the results will not be announced to-night.

The coalition and the Unionists again exactly balance as regards gains and losses, and the respective strength thus far is identically the same as it was before the dissolution.

## KILLED IN CRAPS GAME.

Garrett Crawford Shot Dead After Quarrel at Fordwick.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 14.—Following a craps game to-day Garrett Crawford was shot to death by Frank Pleasant at Fordwick, as the result of a quarrel. Pleasant is in jail here.

**Will Not Be Tried for Shooting.**  
Mexico City, Dec. 14.—Congressman Diaz Miron will probably not be tried by a committee of his colleagues for shooting at Congressman Chaplain a few days ago. It is said that there is a general sentiment among the members of Congress to let the matter drop. So far no one has been found who is willing to serve on the investigating committee.

**Choicest Flowers at Blackstone's.**  
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## INK AT COMMUNION.

Substitute for Wine Makes Members of Church Ill.

Carlisle, Ky., Dec. 14.—Somebody substituted indigestible ink for common wine at the Pleasant Valley Christian Church, a few miles from here, and several people were made violently ill Sunday.

The wine was kept at the church, and, not noticing the change in color, the elders passed the vintage on Sunday to the members. Many of them drank before the change was noticed. Soon after they were taken violently ill. Investigation has not revealed the culprit.

## TESTIFIES TO BRIBE.

Millionaire Tells How He Had His Taxes Reduced.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Peter Thomson, multimillionaire paper manufacturer of College Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, testified before Attorney Stanley Shaffer at Hamilton, Ohio, to-day that he had paid money to Hamilton politicians in order to obtain a reduction of taxes for a land syndicate in which he was interested.

Thomson said he had paid \$1,000 to a man to have his taxes cut in two. Inquiry developed that he had also paid \$300 to Hamilton politicians and former county officials for the same purpose.

Thomson recently had some trouble with the government in connection with a contract for furnishing postal cards. An official charges Thomson with an attempt to bribe him.

## MISS GOULD TO WED.

New York Heiress Engaged to Lord Decies, of England.

London, Dec. 14.—The marriage engagement is officially announced of Lord Decies and Miss Vivien Gould, second daughter of George J. Gould, of New York.

Thus has been brought to a successful climax the dashing courtship of the English nobleman, which has progressed since he came to America to ride at the horse show of 1909, and there met the young heiress. Rumor has since gone abroad that the beautiful daughter of George Gould and the nobleman were devoted to each other and would eventually wed.

## TWENTY-TWO MEN DIE IN EXPLOSION

Coal Mine Near Tacoma, Va., Later Catches Fire.

## TWENTY-SIX STILL ENTOMBED

Blast in the Lower Levels Believed Due to Open Lamp of Miner—Draft Fans at Entrance Shattered—Wives and Children, in Tears, Surround the Mouth of the Mine.

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Twenty-two men were killed and twenty-six entombed by an explosion in the Greens mine at Tacoma, Va., to-day. There was a great detonation that shook the earth.

The Greens' mine is owned by the Bend & Bruce Coal Co., and is in Wise County, 100 miles from here, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad. Relief parties with oxygen helmets and surgeons' supplies are on their way to the scene of the disaster.

Supt. James Browning, who entered the shaft just a few minutes before the explosion, is among the dead. Wives and children of the entombed men surround the entrance begging the rescuers to bring their loved ones out.

The explosion is said to have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the lower levels being set fire to by an open lamp belonging to one of the miners, but this cannot be confirmed.

Late reports declare fire has broken out in the mine following the first explosion, and frantic efforts are being made to gain admittance to the imprisoned. It is declared the draft fans at the entrance were shattered by the explosion, so great was its force.

Immediately after the explosion Supt. James Barrowman, with three mine bosses, started down the shaft as a rescue party. Upon reaching the bottom they signaled for the stop and have not been heard from since. It is thought they died in the mine. So far ten bodies have been recovered and one man partly alive was taken out, but he is not expected to live.

## BEDOUINS IN REVOLT.

Sack Railway Stations and Kill Every Soldier.

Constantinople, Dec. 14.—The revolt of the Bedouins in the Karak district, near the Dead Sea, is becoming worse. The Bedouins have sacked all the railway stations to the north of Maan as far as Djurufeldrich, and have slaughtered every soldier and railway employee they could find. The government is sending more troops to put down the revolt.

## DEBATE FOR VOTES.

Candidates for Senate in Ohio Get Hearty Applause.

Mansfield, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Edward W. Hanley, of Dayton, in a joint debate here to-night with Lieut. Gov.-elect Alton Pomerene, of Canton, as to their respective qualifications for election to the United States Senate by the incoming Democratic legislature, not only defended himself from Mr. Pomerene's charge that Mr. Hanley is a corporation servant, but accused Pomerene of corporation affiliations. Mr. Hanley won the final applause of the debate, though greeted in a manner rather chilling when he started to speak.

He threw a bombshell by announcing his platform. He said he favored election of Senators direct by the people demanded tariff for revenue only, but a revision of the present tariff, schedule by schedule, after a common-sense investigation to correct present inequalities, and favored an income tax.

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## MRS. EDDY'S WILL FILED AT CONCORD

Bulk of Enormous Fortune Goes to Mother Church.

## GEMS FOR MRS. STETSON

"Crown of Diamonds" for the Excommunicated Woman.

Of the \$2,000,000, Relatives Will Get Several Hundred Thousand—Members of Household and Intimate Friends Also Remembered—Gen. Baker, the Executor, Gets "Portrait Set with Diamonds."

Concord, N. H., Dec. 14.—Gen. Henry M. Baker, executor of the estate of Mary Baker G. Eddy, filed her will in the probate court at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The will was proved in the common form in order that the work of administering the estate might be taken up at once.

It will, however, also be proved in "solemn form" January 17, 1911. The only witnesses present to-day were Josiah E. Pernal, one of the three trustees of Mrs. Eddy's property, and Alvin B. Cross, a local banker.

Gen. Frank S. Streeter, so long counsel for Mrs. Eddy, including the time of the celebrated "next friends" suit in equity, was present.

## Two Wills Are Filed.

In effect two wills were filed. The will of 1901, thought to be lost, was duplicated in 1903. The first will was found after Mrs. Eddy's death. The papers filed to-day are the original will, followed by a short statement that a second will was made, being an exact duplicate of the first. Then followed the filing of two codicils, the only ones ever made, dated in 1903 and 1904. As proof that a second will was executed the instrument is filed as a separate document with the rest of the papers as substantiating the statement of its existence.

The papers filed with the judge of probate also include copies of the agreements reached between Mrs. Eddy and her heirs in 1909, by which George W. Glover received \$70,000 and the trust fund for his children was increased to \$175,000 from \$125,000. This agreement is given in full and in specific terms, Glover, for himself and his heirs, agrees to never contest Mrs. Eddy's will, or to make any claim under it as an heir at law.

## Gives Up All His Rights.

The agreement by which Ebenezer J. Foster, Mrs. Eddy's adopted son, received \$45,000 as a consideration for giving up all his rights in Mrs. Eddy's estate is also filed. The Glover and family document was executed October 28, 1909, and that of E. J. Foster was dated November 1, 1910. One condition of the agreement made by Glover when he received this last settlement was as follows: "I, George W. Glover, further covenant and agree to return to my mother, when this instrument is delivered, all letters written by my mother to me or to any member of my family, and all documents written or dictated by her, in my possession or control, or which have been placed in the hands of my counsel."

These letters were about to be introduced as testimony at the time the "next friends" suit was dismissed by agreement.

## May Exceed \$2,000,000.

There is every reason to believe that the value of Mrs. Eddy's estate has been underestimated and that it will reach, if it does not exceed, \$2,000,000. This will, of course, depend largely upon the value which the appraisers place upon the copyrights. The cash, securities, and personal estate, exclusive of the copyrights, will exceed, it is pretty authoritatively rumored, \$1,000,000.

Under the terms of the will the Mother Church at Boston is to get the bulk of Mrs. Eddy's enormous fortune. This church, in addition to special bequests aggregating \$150,000, is also made the residuary legatee. The special bequests are divided, \$50,000 direct to the church and \$100,000 in trust for teaching Christian Science to students who are unable to pay for their instructions.

## The Second Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York City, is the next largest beneficiary, as there is left to it a sum not to exceed \$175,000, to pay off its indebtedness.

## Calvin A. Frye Remembered.

The largest individual beneficiary is Calvin A. Frye, who for more than thirty-five years has been close to Mrs. Eddy, and who receives \$20,000. Laura E. Sargent, long of the Eddy household, gets \$5,000; Fred N. Ladd, of this city, a distant cousin of Mrs. Eddy, receives \$3,000. Mr. Ladd was one of her financial advisers, and audited her accounts. He is the treasurer of a large savings bank here. George S. Moore, of this city, was willed \$1,000. This sum will go to his will, which still lives here. Frances A. Baker, a maiden lady and relative, also living here, gets \$1,000. Henrietta Chanfrau, of Philadelphia, a pupil of Mrs. Eddy, is to receive \$1,000. Just where she is now residing the executor of the estate does not know, but it is believed she is somewhere in the West.

Mrs. P. J. Leonard, now deceased, was also for many years a member of the Eddy household, was left a bequest of \$3,000. How this will be disposed of cannot be stated. It may go to her son, Frank, who has been prominent in Christian Science circles. Mrs. Leonard was thus remembered under the first codicil to the will, which was added in 1903. Under this codicil Laura E. Sargent's bequest was raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and Calvin Frye's from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

## Jewels for Mrs. Stetson.

One of the most interesting things about this codicil is that Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, of New York City, is bequeathed the handsome piece of jewelry known as the "crown of diamonds." It is in the form of a large brooch two or more inches in diameter, and is one of the most valuable pieces of jewelry.

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**Reduced Christmas Holiday Fare**  
via Southern  
Railway, December 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, 1910, and January 1, 1911; final limit January 1, 1911.